

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

Acorns on the Ground

"Transformation"

Transformation..... That is a word that we will be hearing a lot about in the weeks to come. March 6 there will be a short video played in the place of the sermon that will explain the Transformation concept of People living like Christ, churches acting like the Body of Christ, and communities impacted by the Kingdom of God.

Many denominational churches across the nation are struggling to keep their doors open. We hear that fact in the news all the time. But there are also many denominational churches that are growing. What is their secret? A very large and intense study was done by LifeWay Christian Resources of which LifeWay Christian Stores are subsidiaries, and found common factors among them and labeled them Transformational Churches.

disciples whose lives are being transformed by the gospel, so that the culture around them is ultimately transformed. Transformational Churches are deeply committed to the essential foundations of discipleship: worship, community, and mission. They practice and make disciples through vibrant leadership, prayerful dependence, and relational intentionality—in their context with a missionary mindset. Simply put, Transformational Churches know, understand, and are deeply in love with their cities, communities, and people."

Ed Stetzer and Thom S. Rainer (Ed Stetzer is president of LifeWay Research and missiologist in residence at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, Tennessee. Thom S. Rainer is the president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources, one of the largest Christian resource providers in the world.)

Barb Scantlin

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"Transformational Churches make

MARCH 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CWF - Holly Hall tour and lunch	2	3	4	5
6 Bread Sunday	7	8 Prayer Circle CWF - Visitation	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 CWF - Love Meals	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 CWF - General Mtg./ Covered Dish	23	24	25	26  FREE SOUP SATURDAY
27	28	29 Holly Hall book review.	30	31		
Scripture for March: Week Two: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9 Week Three: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 Week Four: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 Week Five: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42						

Schedule of Events

- March 1 - Worship Meeting
- March 6 - Transformational Video
- March 6 - No Executive Meeting
- March 9 - No Bell Practice
- March 13 - Reverend Bob Bray
- March 13 - Board Meeting
- March 20 - Reverend Bob Bray
- March 20 - Transformational Study during Sunday School
- March 26 - Free Soup Saturday - Evangelism
- March 27 - Reverend Bob Bray

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 - Emily Whitley
- 4 - Maxine Dorsey
- 4 - Jon Mizula
- 5 - Joan Roberts
- 6 - Linda Dalmasso
- 11 - Carole Green
- 11 - Joann Winner
- 13 - Catherine Jones
- 19 - Keith Murray
- 19 - Bailey Scantlin
- 24 - Leroy Rogers

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- 12 - Richard and Crystal Smith
- 19 - Gale and Julie Clawson

Church Office Closed on Fridays.

- Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
- If you have something for the calendar, or if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

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Announcements, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report
ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!

Evangelism - Katie Spencer, Hello Everyone!

Evangelism is reaching out to you for support in prayer, help and donations in reaching out to the community.

In the passed there has been a lot of talk on what everyone would like to see the church do and then there have been some suggestions, but instead of talking about it anymore the Evangelism team wants to put it into action and actually do the foot-work and reach out to the community. The time has come where Oaks Christian Church needs to get out in the public and do mission work and become know for our Christian service rather than just talking about it.

Before I explain what we are doing we would like it to be known that the Evangelism team is not made up of just a few people on a committee, it is YOU too. Each and everyone one of YOU are apart of Evangelism and we are asking you to please step up in any way you can to help.

Evangelism has started a new mission on every 4th Saturday from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in Kirchner Hall to reach out to the community and have a "Free Soup Saturday" We believe in all our hearts this could become a very successful outreach to the community if we had the support we needed. In order for this to work we would need volunteers for the few SHORT hours we are there, but we also need donations for the soup ingredients, supplies and advertisement.

Advertisement is the key to any success and we need to publicize this outreach to the community.

We are asking please for donations made out to Evangelism to support this wonderful Mission. Donations can be given in the offering plate referencing Evangelism or donations can be given at the office.

Please find it in your heart to help support this mission in any way you can. Thank you. Evangelism

NAPO HOUSTON offers Free Shred Day and Computer and Electronic Recycling

- SOUTHERN Shred will shred up to 5 boxes of documents per car.
- Junk Goes Green will accept all electronics except TVs.
- Houston Computer Recycling will accept old computers and monitors

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(This has been an FYI from Ruth Conover)

The Search Begins

Last Sunday we gave Randy and Cheryl Burke a big thank you and wished them the best in their next step in service to God. It has been over three years since we went through the search process and called Randy as our Senior Minister. Now we must begin again.

The Constitution of Oaks requires that the pulpit committee be composed of five members: an Elder (elected by the Elders), two Deacons (elected by the Diaconate) and two non-board members (elected by the Congregation). The following members have been elected to serve on the pulpit committee: Bob Simons (Elder), Larry Scruggs and Katherine Whitley (Deacons), Ruth Conover and Kathy O'Dell (non-board).

Although the responsibility of this committee is great, we are optimistic in fact excited about the possibilities that are open to Oaks and the new minister that God will be blessing us with. We do need two things from the congregation your prayers and your ideas. Pray with us and for us as we go through this critical search process. Don't be timid about telling one of us what qualities you think the new Senior Minister should have. We will be updating the congregation regularly with our progress as we follow the steps for conducting this search. *Bob Simons – Pulpit Committee Chairman*

Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

February Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of February	Sunday School	Church Attendance
February 06, 2011	17	42
February 13, 2011	20	48
February 20, 2011	15	43
February 27, 2011	20	53
TOTALS	72	186

From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account 2010	November	December	January
Deposits	10,082.79	10,775.00	\$10,697.00
Disbursements	(10,293.94)	(11,105.87)	(\$10,249.42)
Difference	(211.15)	(330.87)	\$447.58

Year-to-date there has been \$11,500 transferred from the Capital Improvement Fund to cover Operating expenses.

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FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

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Items Needed:

Peanut butter,
can or powdered milk,
can soup, spaghetti or
noodles, can meat and
can potatoes.

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

Board Happenings -

Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:

**There will be a General Board Meeting, March 13, 2011
after church. There will be NO Executive Board Meeting for
the month of March.**

Thank you.